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Mr. William F. Caton
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Re: *Implementation of the Pay Telephone Reclassification and Compensation
Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, CC Docket No. 96-128*

Dear Mr. Caton:

Please find enclosed for filing an original and four copies of the Personal Communications Industry Association's Motion for Extension of Time to file reply comments the above-referenced proceeding.

Also included is an additional copy of this filing to be date-stamped and returned with our messenger. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



Kent D. Bressie

Enclosures

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Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C.

In the Matter of

Implementation of the Pay Telephone
Reclassification and Compensation Provision of
the Telecommunications Act of 1996

CC Docket No. 96-128

**MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME OF
THE PERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION**

Pursuant 47 C.F.R. § 1.46, the Personal Communications Industry Association ("PCIA") hereby requests that the Commission extend by ten days, until September 19, 1997, the deadline for filing reply comments pursuant to the Commission's request for further comments in the payphone proceeding following the D.C. Circuit's decision in *Illinois Public Telecommunications Association v. FCC*.¹

In light of preparations for and attendance at PCS '97, PCIA's annual conference, in Dallas, Texas, next week, it will be difficult for PCIA to submit reply comments by the current September 9, 1997, deadline. The reply comments will require information from and participation by PCIA staff and PCIA members who are currently otherwise occupied or unavailable to meet

¹ See Public Notice, "Pleading Cycle Established for Comment on Remand Issues in the Payphone Proceeding," DA 97-1673 (rel. Aug. 5, 1997) ("*Public Notice*").

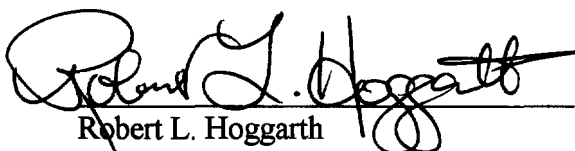
such requirements. PCIA will work diligently to complete and file its reply comments, but it cannot guarantee that these comments will be filed by the Commission's present deadline.

PCIA understands that extensions of time are not routinely granted. Nevertheless, PCIA believes that the unavailability of PCIA staff and members constitutes an "emergency situation" as contemplated by 47 C.F.R. § 1.46, and that a ten-day extension of time is therefore warranted. Furthermore, the public interest would be served by such an extension by ensuring that the views of the paging industry continue to be fully represented in this proceeding.

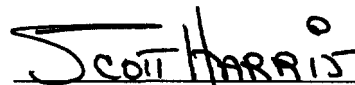
For the foregoing reasons, the Commission should grant PCIA's motion for an extension of time, until September 19, 1997.

Respectfully submitted,

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I, Kent D. Bressie, do hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Motion for Extension of Time of the Personal Communications Industry Association has been sent by hand delivery (or overnight delivery (*)) on this 4th day of September, 1997 to the following:

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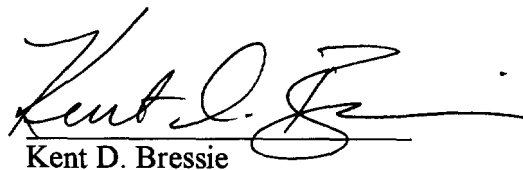
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